
Subject: Re: Introducing FL

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On 4/3/06 10:17 PM, in article onzmj2ccf7.fsf@cow.physics.wisc.edu, "Craig Markwardt" <craigmnet@REMOVEcow.physics.wisc.edu> wrote:

>
> [*] - I do appreciate the impressive effort that the GDL and FL
> writers have put in!

Out of curiosity, are there any legal issues involved in reproducing the functionality of IDL? I know that you can't 'decompile' code, and I suspect that FL and GDL couldn't sell their products, but is there any gotcha with simply writing separate code that does exactly what IDL does, and giving it away for free?

Dick French

PS This question is inspired in part by the ongoing suit about the DaVinci Code, where the claim DOES involve \$\$\$...
